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In re Application of:
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 24, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 24, 2008, the Applicants request the Office enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.